GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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JUTE ADVISORY BOARD
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently constituted Jute Advisory Board and Jute Manufactures Development Council;

(b) if so, the details and the compositions of the said Board and Council;

(c) the number of members from non- jute growing States in the said Board and Council;

(d) the reasons for taking members from non- jute growing States; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of jute industry in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The details and composition of the Jute Advisory Board is as given below:-

(i) Jute Commissioner, Government of India, Kolkata Chairman 1

(ii) Joint Secretary, In-charge of jute, Ministry of Textiles (or his nominee), New Delhi Member 1

(iii) Agriculture Commissioner Deptt of Agriculture & Cooperation, New Delhi Member 1

(iv) Director, Directorate of Jute Development, Kolkata Member 1

(v) Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Jute Corporation of India Ltd. (JCI), Member 1

(vi) Director, Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres, Ministry of Agriculture Member 1

2. Representative of State Governments of jute growing States 4 Members

3. Growers` Nominees from jute growing States 4 Members

4. Representatives from Jute Associations 2 Members

5. Non-official Members 16 Members
Total: 32 Member

The details and composition of the Jute Manufactures Development Council is as given below:-

1.

(i) Secretary, Ministry of Textile, New Delhi - Chairman 1

(ii) AS &FA, Ministry of Textiles, New Delhi - Member 1

(iii) Jute Commissioner, Kolkata - Member 1

(iv) Joint Secretary (Jute), Ministry of Textiles - Member 1

(v) Representative of Ministry of Agriculture,
Deptt. of Agriculture and Co-operation - Member 1

(vi) Representative of Ministry of Finance, - Member 1
Deptt. of Revenue

(vii) Representative of Ministry of Commerce and Industry -Member 1

(viii) Representative of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, - Member 1
Food and Public Distribution

2. Representative of State Governments of jute growing states 5

3. Representative of the producers of Jute Manufactures 4

4. Representative of the Exporters of Jute Manufacturers 2

5. Grower`s Nominee 3
6. Worker`s Nominee 3

7 Experts in Technological Research, Marketing or Agricultural 5
Economics of jute

8. Special Invitee 1
(Total-32)

(c): There are 13 members out of 32 members from non jute growing states in the Jute Advisory Board. In the Jute Manufactures Development Council there are two members out of 32 members from non- jute growing states.

(d): Though, jute is grown in limited number of states of India, jute is used and traded in all the states of India. Hence, in order to give effective and wider representation to various activities connected with jute manufacturing and processing, members have been included in the Board and Council from the non jute growing states.

(e): The Central Govt. has been taking several steps to protect the interest of jute industry in India Viz. Protections in the form of Compulsory Packing under the JPM Act, 1987 , Technology Up gradation Funds Scheme (TUFS), and recently launched Jute Technology Mission which consists of various schemes for overall development of jute sector.